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HOUSE RESOLUTION 397
By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to commend Representative Mark Goins for his honorable and astute service to the people of this State as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should pause to specially recognize their fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mark Goins is one such estimable public servant who, throughout his six-year tenure in the House of Representatives, has dedicated himself to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Representative Goins' illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2002 Session of the 102nd General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mark Goins has for many years been a prominent figure in the political, social, and civic lives of his district, and he has served his constituents in numerous

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capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, the good people of House District 34 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Mark Goins by electing him as their Representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, a tireless proponent of progress, he has championed his constituents' needs, and his meritorious service has helped to perpetuate and enhance the superb quality of life that is enjoyed by the good people of his district and indeed, all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished scholar, Representative Goins earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Lincoln Memorial University; he has received comparative law training at Oxford University in England and is a graduate of the J. D. Regent University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mark Goins truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of citizenship; he has distinguished himself as a member of many community, civic, and professional organizations, including meritorious service as President of the Student Government Association at Lincoln Memorial University during the 1992-1993 academic year, President of the Alpha Lambda Zeta, a social and service fraternity, in 1992, and as a member of Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honor society; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Goins is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Rebecca; and

WHEREAS, long interested in public service and the complexities of state government, Representative Mark Goins served as a member of the House of Representatives at the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature's 25th and 26th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Goins evinces his devout faith as a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Representative Mark Goins' announcement of his retirement from the General Assembly has greatly disappointed and disconcerted his fellow lawmakers, Democrats

and Republicans alike, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of Claiborne, Union, and Campbell counties; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Representative Goins; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Representative Mark Goins on six years of meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, and commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Claiborne, Union, and Campbell counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Goins as a token of our esteem.